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### Wallamet River Improvements.

We have not seen Maj. Robert's report but the Oregonian says this of

The annual report of Maj. H. M. rivers of Oregon, shows that by the Inter Ocean: expenditure of a small sum of money annually, the navigation of the Wallamet could be so improved as to make it an available means of transportation, through the year, to points that can now only be reached at the best stage of water. The wing-dams constructed under the supervision of Maj. Robert, were built so low that when the water rises to such a hight as to make them unnecessary as a means of deepening the channel, they are entirely submerged, thus secaring them against destruction by drift in time of freshet. Dams thus built in the Summer of 1872 were found in 1873 to have been affected but very little by the freshets of the in tervening Winter, and the channels opened in the former year needed scarcely any work during the latter. The report shows that 222 snags, which seriously obstructed the navigation of the river, were removed. Many of these were buried in the ground for two-thirds of their length and were removed with very considerable difficulty. There are not many dangerous snags remaining, and a very slight expenditure of money would keep the stream entirely clear of this class of obstruction hereafter. Fifteen thousand dollars, spent annually on this river, would soon make it possible for steamboats to reach Albany, or Corvallis, at any stage of water, and go to Harrisburg nine out of the twelve months. Of course, fifty thousand dollars a year would put the work forward with greater rapidity, and make the Wallamet a practicable channel of transportation for nearly all the year, and that without delay. And that sum would not be an unreasonable large one for the Government to expend on the work, for a few years, and until the main obstructions were disposed of. Considering the vast capabilities of the country of which this stream is the natural outlet to the sea, and the rapid increase during the last two or three years of the productions requiring transportation to the seaboard, one can realize how great a misfortune it is for this work to cease, as it appears likely to do.

Gen. Michler, of the U.S. Engineer corps stationed in this city, has been tendered the use of a boat in which to ascend the Wallamet to its highest attainable point, and make a full personal inspection of the obstacles which still seriously impede its navigation. Major Robert accomplished a great deal with the appropriation expended under his supervision, but there yet remains a large amount of work to be performed, and Gen, Michler will doubtless have them removed if the new appropriation be sufficiently large to cover the costs,

cleanest city in the world, the people often get los t in fogs, but the fogs are healthy, bring no malaria with

-There is a complete rupture between President Castelar and Salemeron, President of the Cortes, There is some excitement, but the success of the Government in the Cortes is considered certain,

though avowing political antagonism bark Mariano was also sent down to Hon. Schuyler Colfax, says of him; "There never was a man in the United States, knowing Schuyler Colfax, who ever believed for one moment that he did or could perjure himself for any sum of money, much less for \$1,200."

-Whether the Virginius question the controversy. The dispatches at sea. The United States District tention, How long; oh, producers, are Attorney says no futher proceedings Portland, San Francisco, lighters and will be taken in the case. It is not likely the vessel will ever be raised, and it is deemed requisite that the vessel should be produced before she could be libeled. The Government officers say that whatever may have the Virginius at the time of her regis-ter, there is abundant evidence that McDougall?" Is brother T. H. Crawher capture.

### SCHUYLER COLFAX VINDICATED

Although the charges urged with such unblushing effrontery by Oakes Ames against Mr. Colfax regarding the famous "S. C." check have been disbelieved by all unprejudiced people, his friends cannot but rejoice that recent developments have put it beyond the power of the most obstinate caviler to doubt his entire innocence. The facts to which we allude are contained in the following, Robert, on the improvement of the which we copy from the Chicago

statement made by Mr. J. T. Drew, to the effect that the "S. C. or bearer \$1,200 check" was paid to Oakes Ames in person at 4 P. M., June 22, 1868, and also that this money went to pay a debt due Amos B. Merrill, an attorney for Mr. Ames at the tice of the warfare upon Mr. Colfax, we take the following from the St. Louis Dispatch:

"The Globe has settled the Colfax-Oakes Ames business for the fiftieth time. Mr. Colfax can now quit talking to Sunday schools, and make another drive for the pedestal of a Christian statesman."

The Dispatch knew it could neither dispute the statement nor impugn the motives of Mr. Drew, who is neither a personal nor political friend of Mr. Colfax, so, as is usual with that class of journals, it falls back upon the fling at Christianity. The only question in this whole matter was one of veracity, or rather of memory, between Mr. Colfax and Mr. Ames. Mr. Ames testified that he gave this identical check to Mr. Colfax, while Mr. Colfax just as positively denied ever having received it or the money. The bank account of Mr. Colfax showed that he deposited \$1,968 63 on June 22, 1868, and \$1,200 of this was cash. This was counted as evidence against Mr. Colfax, in violation of every known principle of evidence, so long as Mr. Colfax showed other sources of income, so that the funds could not be identified. Thus stood the case until Mr. Drew returned from Europe, and made his statement, more than a month before Ames' sickness and death to Mr. Crounse, of the New York Times, H. C. Bliss, Messrs, Wallace, Bralsford, Holmes, J. Richardson, of Boston, and others. There was no request for secrecy, and only a statement that it might be prudent to withhold the publication until he could see if the man who received the money from Ames could be found. Mr. Drew's statement was clear, specific, and backed by circumstantial evidence of great importance, Regular Communications first and third, ment or his standing. This was considered conclusive evidence by Mr. Colfax's friends. The recent statement that the money went to. Amos B. Merrill, and was paid after 4 P. M., June 22, 1868, should convince even the most skeptical of the innocence of Mr. Colfax.

It would seem impossible now that any one who had honest doubts on the subject in the past could hold them longer, but it would be too much to expect the Satanic press to cease its revilings. Not until the Devil is known to entertain a preference for light over darkness will the papers to which we allude find their -Doc Loryea hastens to inform pleasure in admitting an error, or utthe Bulletin that London is the tering even a syllable to correct the most grievous injustice.

## TROUBLES OF LIGHTERING.

The ship David Brown was chartered to carry wheat from Oregon but as she could not load at Portland, on account of the shoals, it was decided to detain her at San Francisco and lighter to her from Portland. The schooner Ettie May was sent down with a cargo which was so damaged -The Goshen (Ind.) Democrat, al- that it was refused on arrival. The with a cargo getting \$5 25 per ton nearly 16 cents per bushel which was received aboard the David Brown, Although being a loss of 16 cents per bushel to farmers it is said to have netted but \$8 on the cargo to the charter parties of the lighter.

It would be interesting to know is settled or not, the vessel is out of how long the David Brown remained San Francisco for the Portland give a pretty full account of her loss lighters, and the expense of her deunknown numbers of middle men to stand between you and the consumer?

-" Will the good people of Oregon and Washington Territory by humbeen the relation of Mr. Patterson to bugged any longer by this Rev. (?) plar subject.

-The Bark True Love, Captain Thomas Wetherill, has just arrived in Philadelphia from Greenland, with a cargo of kryolite. The bark was built in 1764, and is, consequently 109 years old. The sides batter inwards to the top of the gunwale, and this makes the vessel much broader at the waterline than on deck. In nautical language the sides are known as "tumbling home," because they fall in above the bends. This bark was built at Philadel-phia, but it cannot be ascertained with any degree of certainty at what particular point. The Custom House register does not contain the record, because the vessel was built twelve years before the beginning of the American Revolution. It is most likely that she was built at Kensington, as it appears from history that the first shipyards on the Delaware were established in The St. Louis Globe published a that locality, not far from the Penn treaty ground. The bark was built for parties residing in Hull, England, and still hails from that place, and for forty seven years was engaged in the whaling business in the northern seas, and appeared to be at home among the icebergs of the Arctic region. It is understood that the vessel has never required any considerable retime. As an instance of the injus- pairs. The original timbers appear to be as sound as the day they were erected on the stocks in old Kensington. The bark registers 296 tons, but carries much more.

### Tide Table for Astoria.

(From tables of United States Coast Survey.)

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The most violent attacks of a hostile press failed to shake either his statetend. By order of the

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